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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

Applicant responds to the Office Action dated August 19, 2004. The
Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any
overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448, Reference FTW-004.01.

Please amend the application as set forth on the following pages.

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Claims 42 and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over the Mitchell patent in view Hayner and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,282,784 to Willard.

In response, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection. Claims 1-2, 6, 18, and 49-51 have been cancelled, and the other rejected claims each depend ultimately from an allowable independent claim.

The Examiner is invited to call the Applicant's Agent if any questions remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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